

NEWS OF THE STATE CAPITAL

GUARANTY FUND TO RECEIVE BENEFIT OF SUPREME COURT DECISION.

OKLAHOMA CITY NEWS EVENTS

What the State Officials and Department Are Doing—Items of Interest About the State Government.

Oklahoma City.

State banks, which have nationalized since the passage of the state bank guaranty law, failed in what is believed will be their final attempt to avoid payment of the five per cent assessment for the benefit of the state guaranty fund, when the supreme court denied the application for rehearing of the case against the Farmers National bank of Cushing. That case involved the question of the liability of former state banks to pay the assessment after they had, nationalized. In an opinion several months ago the court held that state banks organized under the provisions of the bank guaranty law were subject to the assessment, and the fact that they became national banks later did not remove the liability of paying the assessment. It was the application for rehearing of that case that the court has now denied.

According to State Bank Commissioner J. D. Lankford, there are approximately 155 banks in the state which will be affected by the decision. They were formerly state banks, but nationalized to avoid payment of the guaranty fund assessment. The guaranty fund will be benefited by the decision to the extent of approximately \$600,000, according to estimates of Commissioner Lankford.

Gault Estimates Big Crop Returns.

Total acreage of wheat in Oklahoma for 1915 is 3,047,000 acres, according to a statement compiled by President Frank M. Gault of the state board of agriculture. This estimate is based upon reports received by the board from its crop correspondents in the various counties. The estimated yield from that acreage will be 45,000,000 bushels. The estimated price of that much wheat at harvest time is given at \$45,000,000.

The statement prepared by Mr. Gault and which contains interesting information concerning other grain, with the exception of barley and rye, which is not included, follows:

Estimated number of acres of wheat in Oklahoma in 1915, 3,047,000.

Estimated number of acres planted to oats in Oklahoma in 1915, 1,320,000.

Estimated yield of wheat from the 3,047,000 acres planted to wheat, 45,000,000 bushels.

Estimated yield of oats from the 1,320,000 acres planted to oats, 52,800,000 bushels.

Estimated sale price of wheat at about \$1 per bushel at threshing time, \$45,000,000.

Estimated sale price of oats at about 50 cents per bushel at threshing time, \$26,400,000.

Grand total of moneys received from the sale of wheat and oats in 1915, \$71,400,000.

Estimated cost of harvesting the 3,047,000 acres of wheat at \$1 per acre, \$3,047,000.

Estimated cost of harvesting the 1,320,000 acres of oats at \$1 per acre, \$1,320,000.

Total cost of harvesting wheat and oats, \$4,367,000.

Estimated cost of threshing 97,800,000 bushels of wheat and oats, at 7 cents per bushel, \$6,846,000.

Estimated grand total of cost for harvesting and threshing wheat and oats, \$11,213,000.

Estimated value of wheat and oats raised in Oklahoma, \$71,400,000.

Less cost of harvesting, threshing and binning same, \$11,213,000.

Balance of money for value of crop left in the hands of the producer, \$60,187,000.

Hard Luck for Dead Beats.

The man who works for wages or draws a salary must now pay his debts, if he is a resident of Oklahoma. He can no longer claim exemption for all he earns because of the fact that he is the head of a family. One-fourth of his earnings may now be garnished under the new law.

The new law provides that seventy-five per cent of the earnings of the head of a family shall be exempt from garnishment, but that twenty-five per cent may be garnished by his creditors after a judgment has been obtained in any court of competent jurisdiction. For instance, if a man working on a salary owes the grocer a bill of \$40, under the old law the grocer could not collect it if the defendant went into court and proved that all his earnings were necessary for the support of his family.

Under the new law the grocer may obtain a judgment for the full amount and every week or every month he may garnish one-fourth of the defendant's earnings. Every garnishment will cost the defendant \$1.50 in court expenses.

New Law Produces \$51,402 For State

A total of \$51,402.12 was collected from oil producers under the new gross production tax law during the first quarter of the present year, according to records in the office of the state auditor. The total collected under the gross production and the gross revenue laws for the same period was \$146,050.64. If the new gross production law is upheld by the supreme court, one-half will revert to the county in which it was collected.

The amounts collected from the different counties as shown by the auditor's records, as follows:

Washington	\$1,681.37
Tulsa	3,150.99
Creek	26,572.03
Nowata	1,339.34
Muskogee	356.54
Okmulgee	2,587.23
Payne	14.76
Rogers	3,333.42
Wagoner	48.67
Carter	574.83
Lincoln	1.10
Kay	321.31
Clown	1.75
McIntosh	19.93
Marshall	3.28
Osage	2,750.29
Pawnee	642.76
Stephens	5.41
Jefferson	51.38
Ottawa	216.37
Pushmataha	24.54

Under the old law gross revenue tax was collected from coal companies which are exempt under the new law.

Death Chair Ready in Sixty Days.

Oklahoma will be prepared to inflict the death penalty by electrocution in the penitentiary at McAlester within the next sixty days, according to announcement at the office of the state board of public affairs. Purchase of an electric chair, as authorized by an act of the last legislature, which made an appropriation of \$4,500 for that purpose, will be made by the board within ten days.

Delay in purchasing the chair and equipment, is due to lack of competition in the bidding for installing the death dealing machinery apparatus. The original specifications prepared by the board, it was found, called for a chair and equipment which is manufactured by only one concern in the country. This resulted in only one bid being submitted. The specifications were revised and new bids called for under the revision.

Two men are now held in the penitentiary under sentence to be electrocuted for murder. They are condemned to die within a week of each other. They are both negroes.

Gas Waste 90 Per Cent.

Less than 10 per cent of the gas that is coming above the surface in Oklahoma is being utilized for commercial purposes. The remaining ninety per cent is going to waste in the air without any effort being made to conserve it. Evidence shows this alarming condition of waste of one of the state's greatest and most valuable natural resources was presented at the gas conservation hearing conducted last week by the corporation commission at Bartlesville, Okmulgee and Tulsa, according to Commissioner George A. Henshaw who has returned from Tulsa.

If the waste continues at that rate for two years longer the entire supply will be exhausted, according to estimates of Mr. Henshaw, which are based on the evidence given at the hearings. In the Cushing oil field alone, the evidence showed that the gas production in that territory daily was 550,000,000 cubic feet, while less than 50,000,000 feet were being utilized, the remainder going to waste.

Katy Changes Names of Stations.

A statement was filed with the corporation commission by the M. K. & T. Railroad Company stating that it had complied with the act of the last legislature, requiring that the names of railroad stations be the same as the postoffice in the town in which they are located.

In order to comply with the law, the road states, it was necessary to make the following changes in the names of stations located at various points along its lines within the state:

Chockie to Rich; Jackson to Oneta; Penola to Platt; Ayetta to Wayside; Oakataha to Oktaha; Wells to Cathey; Chouteau to Choteau, and Verdard to Wybank.

Practically every road in the state has complied with the law or is making necessary arrangements to meet its requirements.

May Install Oil Mill At Granite.

An announcement was made by the state board of public affairs that the establishment of a cotton seed oil mill at the state reformatory at Granite was under consideration. If the mill is established and proves profitable another will be established at the penitentiary in McAlester. Both would be operated by prison labor.

Establishment of a cotton mill by the state at either place, it is urged by the board of affairs, would be of great benefit to the farmers in the cotton growing sections of the state, in that it would tend to break up the cotton seed oil trust and give the farmers an opportunity of marketing their cotton seed at a profitable price. The country around Granite, it is said, is one of the best cotton producing sections of the state, Granite being one of the principal ginning centers of that section.

County Attorney File Big Suits.

Three suits for damages in the sum of \$1,000 per day for the alleged offense of permitting buildings to be occupied for unlawful purposes (bootlegging) were filed in district court by County Attorney Embury of Oklahoma county against Peter N. Holmes asking \$300,000; Laura B. Stout for \$360,000, and James K. Perrine for \$360,000. The suits were filed by Embury under a statute which permits the state to collect \$1,000 per day as a fine from the owner of a building who allows his property to be occupied by jointists.

OKLAHOMA NEWS NOTES

FAIRS AND CARNIVALS.

Aug. 31-Sept. 4—Eight annual reunion, Southwestern Blue and Gray Association, Bridgeport.

Sept. 7-9, Binger Fair.

Sept. 7-10, Kingfisher County Fair, Kingfisher.

Sept. 8-11, Greer County Fair, Mangum.

Sept. 9-10, Johnston County Fair, Tishomingo.

Sept. 14-17, Pittsburg County Fair, McAlester.

Sept. 14-17, Cimarron Valley Fair, Guthrie.

Sept. 15-17, Tulsa County Fair, Tulsa.

Sept. 15-18, The Sterling Fair, Sterling.

Sept. 16, Cherokee Celebration, Perry.

Sept. 16-17, Harmon County Fair, Hollis.

Sept. 16-17, Kiowa County Fair, Hobart.

Sept. 16-18 Jackson County Fair, Altus.

Sept. 16-18, Lincoln County Fair, Prague.

Sept. 17-18, Tillman County Fair, Fredrick.

Sept. 17-18, Coal County Fair, Colgate.

Sept. 17-18, Marshall County Fair, Madill.

Sept. 21-23, Pottawatomie County Fair, Shawnee.

Sept. 21-23, Peanut Carnival, Duncan.

Sept. 21-24, Pawnee County Fair, Halsett.

Sept. 21-24, Rockham County Fair, Elk City.

Sept. 22-24, Canadian County Fair, El Reno.

Sept. 22-25, Kiamichi Valley Fair, Tallhanna.

Sept. 25-Oct. 2—state Fair, Oklahoma City.

Oct. 4-9, New-State Fair, Muskogee.

Oct. 5-9, Caddo County Fair, Ardmore.

Oct. 27-Jan. 1, Eastern Oklahoma Poultry Show, Tulsa.

A Clinton company has shipped its 400th binder this season.

A horse belonging to Mrs. Rose Hendricks, living seven miles south of Perry, died of hydrophobia.

Miss Dorothy Seton, formerly a nurse at Guthrie and Oklahoma City, is now with the British army.

Jesse Paul Thomas of Enid, is mentioned among the wounded in a casualty list of the Canadian expeditionary force.

July 19 will be Oklahoma Day at the Panama Pacific Fair. Judge George W. Clark will be the official representative of Oklahoma City.

A jury acquitted D. V. Monroe of the murder of Marguerite Ellis during a resort brawl at 94 West California avenue, Oklahoma City, last December.

Burglars blew the safe in the Crowder postoffice and took \$15 in cash and \$800 in stamps. Four men are believed to have been implicated. All escaped.

A rain and wind storm of unusual violence blew a store front out of a jewelry store at Muskogee and sent 200 diamond rings rolling down a business street.

The state board of equalization placed a valuation of \$7,371,590 on the Pioneer Telephone and Telegraph company's property in the state. This is about a million increase over last year's assessment.

Three men were arrested at Vin and warrants were issued for three others charging them with dynamiting three dipping vats. The men arrested are Lander Hopper, a merchant, Lon Pack and Harve Creaghead.

The new Bartlett-Collins glass plant, representing an investment of \$50,000 and which is the only factory making high class cut and etched glass in this part of the United States, lighted its fires at Sapulpa last week.

E. D. O'Brien, a rural mail carrier at Ninkah, a small town in Grady county, committed suicide by shooting himself with an automatic pistol. Charges had been preferred against him and he feared that he would lose his route.

Frank J. Laux, for some time one of the title examiners in the state school land department, has been appointed by the school land commissioners to the position of chief clerk of the home ownership department, which will be established on July 1.

Bishop E. E. Hoss of Muskogee, one of the deans of the Southern Methodist church has left on a trip around the world as a messenger to Methodist missions in foreign nations. Bishop Hoss will go direct to San Francisco and from there to the Philippine Islands, China, Japan and India.

Sidney Suggs, former state highway commissioner has become sales manager of the National Concrete and Culvert Co., with the principal office at Tecumseh. The company is capitalized at \$25,000 with L. E. Rosebush, W. C. Furry of Tecumseh, and Sidney Suggs and S. A. Douglas of Ardmore as incorporators.

More than one thousand applications for pensions under the provisions of the ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors pension bill were on file in the office of the commissioner of charities and corrections for consideration by the board of pension commissioners when it held its first meeting July 5. Each application will be canvassed by the board to determine whether the person making the application is entitled to aid under the new pension act.

The judgment of the district court of Blaine county is reversed in an opinion of Justice Armstrong of the criminal court of appeals in the case of T. J. Ballew, who was convicted of embezzlement and given two and a half years in the pen. Ballew was prosecuted as having embezzled the money from a customer, when in fact the high court holds that he embezzled it from the bank of which he was cashier. Ballew was cashier of the Bank of Commerce of Geary. The judgment is reversed because of the fault in the prosecution.

TOLD BRIEFLY THE NEWS OF SEVEN DAYS IN ALL LANDS

War News.

The freight liner *Armenian*, flying the British flag and carrying mules from Newport News, Va., to England, was torpedoed and sunk by the German submarine U-38 off Cornwall, England. Nearly a score of Americans aboard are reported lost.

Russia's reply to the brilliant series of Austro-German victories in Galicia is a law setting up a board of munitions empowered to spend unlimited money and given virtually unrestricted power over all private industries in the whole of the country.

No really great battle is possible along the Austro-Italian frontier for many weeks. Troops are pressing forward occupying positions of vantage; important preliminary fighting is occurring almost daily; but Italy is not yet ready to launch her great smash.

Driven back over their own frontier north of Lemberg and forced to cross the River Galia Lipa in Southeast Galicia, the Russian armies continue to retreat before the Austro-Germans along a front of approximately 250 miles.

The great aeroplane, *America*, in which Squadron Commander Porte, of the British navy, intended to fly across the Atlantic, has been lost in the North Sea. Its place will be taken by larger Curtiss machines coming from New York.

The Russians appear unable to halt the great Austro-German advance despite the presence of the czar at the front. It is said in Berlin that the Germans pursued the present great campaign for the possession of Galicia because the German government must have control of the great oil wells in that territory.

With the Russian emperor on the Galician front, a new minister of war, General Polivanoff, in charge of Russian military affairs and the grand duke's lines still intact, there is a general expectation that the Russian forces will yet oppose strong resistance to the Austro-Germans.

A German fort and wireless station near Bukoba, on the western shore of Lake Victoria-Nyanza, German East Africa, was destroyed by a British expedition from Uganda. Many boats, field guns, rifles and valuable documents were captured.

Tinned meats and light wines furnished his private soldiers have been King Victor Emmanuel's fare since he went to the battle front. A few nights ago while visiting a regiment of Alpine chamois the king slept on the ground, with an officer's cloak wrapped about him.

Turkish casualties thus far in the fighting on Gallipoli peninsula are estimated at 143,000. A Mytilene dispatch says that in three days of fierce fighting on the peninsula the Allies carried several enemy trenches, the second French division bearing the brunt of the attack.

The Russians again are retreating in Galicia, both to the north and south of Lemberg, and in Poland the Germans have launched another attack against Warsaw in the form of a drive from the north through Przasnysz.

Washington.

An expected new German submarine campaign has caused the tightening of the American wireless censorship, state department officials say.

General Felipe Angeles, veteran of many an artillery duel in Mexican battles and the right hand man of General Villa, has come to Washington to deny intimations that he was involved in the activities of Victoriano Huerta and his assistants.

Secretary Daniels has announced that the naval academy midshipmen would start soon on their practice cruise through the Panama Canal to San Francisco. The sea trip had been postponed because of the inquiry into examination irregularities at the academy.

Authority has been sent to Mare Island navy yard to construct pontoons for the raising of the submarine F-4, lost last March outside the harbor of Honolulu. The work is to be completed by July 20.

War orders from Europe, the prospective big crop of wheat now being harvested and heavy yields of other crops are creating a new demand for labor, according to indications at the government employment office in the department of labor.

Warning that the United States would not recognize any agreement between China and Japan which impaired American rights in China or endangered the so-called "open shop" policy, has been sent to the government of both China and Japan in an identical note from Washington.

The Connecticut Aero Company, organized by widely known lawyers, has received orders under contract from the United States government for three, and more if acceptable, big dirigible balloons of the Zeppelin type.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Compiled by a Substitute While the Regular Man Was Away From His Desk.

A good way to save money on your gas and electric light bills is to spend your evenings at theaters and restaurants where the management pays for the lights.

If your husband's hair shows signs of falling out, try pulling his ears instead. They very seldom come loose.

Installment collectors and other undesirable callers can be made to keep their distance by means of ripe tomatoes served at long range.

A society matron whose position demands that she entertain a great deal more than she can really afford has discovered that by shoving a few bird shot with each portion of guinea hen the guests can be made to think they are eating game.

A young wife of our acquaintance tried for years to break her husband of the habit of bringing home unexpected guests to dinner. At last she took the advice of a friend and flirted desperately with the very next man her husband invited to the house. After that there was no more trouble.—New York World.

Did Not Hate Him That Bad.

"I was telling Titewad this morning that shells for a 12-inch gun cost \$500 each."

"Well, what about it?"

"He said he wouldn't shoot one of those shells at his worst enemy."

A Real Dilemma.

"I'm in a fix," declared the war correspondent. "I'm in love with a pretty nurse."

"Yes?"

"She wants me to shave, and my passport describes me with whiskers."

Encore.

"I'm glad we didn't get any duplicates," said the bride as they inspected the wedding gifts.

"I wouldn't mind if somebody would duplicate that check your father gave us," replied the bridegroom.

Looking Backward.

Madge—"The present styles make one look very girlish."

Marjorie—"Why shouldn't they? My skirts are about the same length as the ones I wore when I was twelve.—Puck.

From a Sinner's Diary.

A sinner can't lose. Some of his ships are always coming in.

I know a man who would spare no pains or expense doctoring an enlarged or otherwise out-of-tune liver. Yet he treats aching, aching, longing, loving hearts with scowls and sneers and sharp discouragements.

I know a woman who is for letting you have what you want when you want it, who favors vacations before you have to go on a stretcher.

Love—something that makes you want to surround and be surrounded by.

There's never a time when 'tis safe for a doctor to eat onions.

So take your pick—die off and be mourned, or live on and be cursed.—Lynette Fremire in Judge.

His Excuse.

In his Savannah camp Bill Donovan, baseball manager, had a dusky hued waiter at the hotel by the name of Sutton. Bill had to reproach Sutton more than once for a lack of agility in arriving with the food. Sutton promised to improve. One morning he brought in a consignment of grid-diecakes that had gone cold.

"What do you mean," said Bill, "by bringing me in cold cakes?"

"Well, I tell you, boss," said Sutton, "I brought them cakes in so fast for you that I guess they hit a draft."

Shocking and Inexcusable Waste.

"The plaintiff in a recent suit for divorce," related the simp, "declared that he awoke in the night to find his bed soaked with alcohol and his wife hunting for a match!"

"Ar-r-r-r!" grumbled DeLeary M. Trimmings, "that was a heck of a way to waste alcohol, wasn't it?"—Kansas City Star.

Keen Wit.

Gotcha—I ran into a burglar last night.

Jake—How'd he get away from you?

Gotcha—He went through me.

Good Reason.

"Why is the policeman looking at your wall so suspiciously?"

"I suppose he noticed it was covered with a vine that is something of a porch climber."

If you want to study human nature don't patronize a correspondence school. Watch your neighbors.



Crisp little bits of Indian Corn, rolled thin as paper, and toasted to a golden brown.

Post Toasties

Have a sweetness and tasty goodness distinctively their own.

And all the way from raw material to your table not a human hand touches the food—clean and pure as snowflakes from the skies.

Ready to eat right from the package with cream and sugar or crushed fruit, Post Toasties are wonderfully delicious.

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